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               THE COURT: Good morning. This is Judge Andrews in
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      Art+Com Innovation Pool v. Google, and the Rule 16 Conference,
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      Civil Action No. 14-217.
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               Can you tell me, please, who is on the line?
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               MR. B. FARNAN: Good morning, your Honor.
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               This is Brian Farnan, as well as Michael Farnan, and we
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      have Scott Partridge from Baker Botts in Houston, Texas, on the
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      line as well.
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               THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Farnan.
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               For Google?
               MR. BLUMENFELD: And for Google, Your Honor, this is
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      Jack Blumenfeld and on the line is Cono Carrano from Akin Gump.
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               THE COURT: I see Mr. Carrano.
               And Mr. Blumenfeld, is that who is on line?
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               MR. CARRANO: Yes, sir.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               And, so, gentlemen, when you do speak, if you could say
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      your name so that Mr. Dibbs, who's writing this down, will know
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      who's speaking, and, in fact, so I will know who is speaking.
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So I have the Rule 16, and I see -- and I do appreciate
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      Mr. Farnan, Michael Farnan, that is, highlighting on the cover
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      letter what the points of dispute are, so thank you for that.
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               Am I correct in thinking, from my looking at the
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      docket, that we're talking about one patent here that issued
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      last year and claims priority to 1995; is that right?
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: Your Honor, this is Scott Partridge.
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               That is correct.
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               THE COURT: Okay.
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: It is a reissued pat -- it was a
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      reissued patent. There was an earlier reissue and an earlier
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      original patent, but the reissued patent that is at issue,
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      issued last year, and we have just one patent, which has one
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      interested claim that is being asserted among others.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               So, what I was thinking of, because what I'm going to
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      do is, I'm just going to pick either the plaintiff's or the
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      defendant's schedule, is there -- speaking on behalf of the
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      plaintiff, why, and please no more than one than minute, why is
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      your schedule better than the defendant's schedule?
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: Your Honor, this is Scott Partridge.
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               I think you've, in part, underscored one of the reasons
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      why, and that is that it is a one-patent case. There's only one
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      defendant. This isn't a multi-defendant case. The discovery on
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      the infringement, validity, and damages issues should be
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- 1 relatively straightforward. We have attempted to track what
- 2 we've seen in some of your recent schedules and how we approach
- 3 this.
- I think, when you look at the Google proposed schedule,
- 5 there are delays built in right up front. They are totally
- 6 unnecessary. I think it sets the case back about -- by two to
- 7 three months right from the get-go in terms of identification of
- 8 the accused product and -- and the steps that follow.
- 9 And we thought that a reasonable trial date for this
- 10 case was a little over two years from the filing of the case in
- 11 February of this year. I think we had it at 27 months or so,
- which seemed like a reasonable period of time, and we
- 13 backtracked from there to fill in all of the dates.
- 14 Of course, all of this depends on what your schedule
- looks like these days, your Honor, but the proposal we made we
- 16 thought reasonably tracked you're approach in other cases.
- 17 THE COURT: All right.
- 18 Thank you, Mr. Partridge.
- One question is, I did see that there are three or four
- inventors, and that they -- and, for a minute, I thought they
- 21 were from downstate Delaware, because I saw the patent said
- Berlin, comma, DE, but then I realized that was probably
- 23 Deutschland and not Delaware.
- 24 And how much discovery is likely to have to take place
- outside the United States and -- and will that be a problem?

1 MR. PARTRIDGE: You are correct, your Honor, that the 2 inventors are outside the United States. There are four of 3 them. We believe that at least three of them will be available 4 for this case, we're still working with the -- with the fourth. 5 And they're all residents in Germany at this time and we'll have 6 to work out, you know, where the depositions of those inventors 7 occur. 8 We have agreed with the other side as to a 9 proportionality figure for depositions taken in German, which is 10 26 hours allocated when and if they speak in -- in German as 11 opposed to English. 12 THE COURT: Well, I guess the question I have, and 13 maybe the answer is obvious, are there going to be any problems 14 because of German law, or the Haque Convention, or some other 15 thing that's going to make getting these depositions difficult, 16 or is it, essentially, the only problem is, which is resolvable, 17 is that they'll be -- these are German-speaking individuals and 18 -- and you've already accounted for that? 19 MR. PARTRIDGE: It's more the latter, your Honor. 20 I have met and talked to all four of them. 21 location of the deposition, I think is really going to be the 22 issue, as opposed to whether they cooperate. 23 I would expect that the depositions will either have to 24 occur at the Embassy in Germany or in London, and it may well be

that one or two of them will agree to come to the United States,

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but we'll need to work that out.
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- THE COURT: All right.
- 3 MR. PARTRIDGE: They are all -- they are all third
- 4 parties.
- 5 THE COURT: All right.
- 6 Thank you, Mr. Partridge.
- 7 And for the defendant's, what do you have to say?
- 8 MR. CARRANO: Yes, your Honor. This is Cong Carrano
- 9 for Google.
- 10 As Greg discussed, one of the issues will be that there
- 11 will be discovery in Germany for the inventors, as well as,
- 12 potentially, third parties. The schedule reflects some
- 13 pragmatic aspect in that.
- 14 And although this is a one-patent case, there are 85
- 15 claims, which at this point we won don't know which terms are
- 16 asserted, so that's another complication to some extent.
- 17 Also, while those schedules, I think, are relatively
- 18 close, ours, we think, will be a more realistic view of the
- scope of the claims, as well as the nature that discovery of the
- inventors, essentially, the third parties will be abroad.
- 21 And the final point is, we don't think -- and maybe
- counsel for plaintiffs can elaborate on this -- we don't know if
- 23 the inventors are going to be retained by the plaintiff's, or
- have cooperated, or are going to be. That's just an open issue.
- 25 And, finally, there is one more issue.

- 1 There's a -- we've alleged inequitable conduct with
- 2 respect to one of the inventors. So it's a very key issue for
- 3 us in this case.
- 4 THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Carrano, you said a very
- 5 what issue?
- 6 MR. CARRANO: A key issue for us.
- 7 THE COURT: A key issue.
- 8 MR. CARRANO: One of the inventors submitted a
- 9 Declaration to the Patent Office, which we think is false,
- inaccurate, and material to the patent prosecution.
- 11 THE COURT: All right.
- 12 Well, I do -- I did look at my calendar.
- This, as Mr. Partridge, I guess was sort of suggesting
- is that at the outside of when I have things scheduled, so I
- think the plaintiff's schedule is reasonable. And I think that
- 16 if it is set, there's every reason to believe that the parties
- 17 can live with it, and get the things done that they need to get
- done.
- So, as far as the dates go, I'm going to go with the
- 20 plaintiff's schedule. The proposed trial date is May 16th of
- 21 2016, the proposed pretrial date is May 6th of 2016 at 8:30
- 22 a.m., and the hearing on the claim construction would then be on
- 23 May 11th, 2015.
- Do any of those dates present a known problem? Do any
- of you have children who are graduating from college in 2016?

- 1 MR. PARTRIDGE: Your Honor, this is Scott Partridge. 2 We will make those dates work. 3 MR. CARRANO: Cono Carrano. 4 That's fine with us, your Honor. 5 THE COURT: All right. 6 So, then, in terms of the other issues, I think there 7 was one that I sort of wanted to hear from you on, and the 8 others I think I'm prepared to just pick one or the other. 9 As far as -- as far as the disputed Paragraph 3E about 10 the depositions, it seemed to me, without knowing for sure that 11 the main issue in dispute was, it appeared as though defendant's 12 wanted to break the hours out between themselves and third 13 parties. And, so they had more hours total, but perhaps fewer 14 hours allocated to themselves than the plaintiff wants. 15 Is that, in fact, the principle point of the dispute? 16 MR. PARTRIDGE: I -- your Honor, this is Scott 17 Partridge. 18 I think it does have an impact, because the depositions 19 we would be taking are almost exclusively going to be with 20 respect to Google. And, in this particular case, the people at 21 Google today, who developed Google Earth, and formed a company 22 called Keyhole prior to its acquisition by Google, and prior to 23 that, they were the at a company called SGI.
- 24 The SGI computers were used in my client's system -25 systems since the '90's, and, so, there is need for discovery of

- 1 people who had access to my client's system early on. All of
- 2 this is evident from the Complaint.
- 3 And, so, we would expect that we will need depositions
- 4 of -- of Google, not only the normal 30(b)(6), but depositions
- of individuals who were involved in that chronology, as well as
- 6 technical and financial people. So, we don't think that a
- 7 break-out between Google and third-party depositions is
- 8 appropriate in this particular case, and we would agree to a
- 9 total hours number to be divided up as the parties see fit as
- discovery goes forward.
- 11 We're amenable to the hundred hour limit that we
- proposed. Essentially, they're at a 130. And if we split the
- difference, or something like that on that, we'd be fine.
- 14 THE COURT: All right.
- Mr. Carrano?
- MR. CARRANO: So, there -- obviously, there will be
- some depositions of our people. We've allocated about,
- 18 essentially, seven depositions I think is an ample number, and
- the reason why we are looking to break them out is, one good
- reason that's very important in this case, there's a third-party
- 21 discovery prior art, and I think even the plaintiff's counsel
- 22 alluded to this, some of those folks they're looking to be
- deposed, will be third parties.
- But we thought limiting party depositions down to 50
- 25 hours, seven depositions per party was reasonable, and then

- 1 allocating a separate chunk of hours, as we have, the
- 2 third-party discovery, which I think will largely be a
- 3 third-party discovery case, is also appropriate.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 So, as I'm listening to you and thinking about this, it
- 6 seems to me that I'm not in a good position to decide in advance
- 7 how much depositions of Google versus how much depositions of
- 8 others.
- And, so, what I'm inclined to do is, is to take the
- defendant's proposal, except to modify it by just saying the
- 11 total number of hours is a hundred and 15 hours, and the parties
- can divide it up as they think best suits them.
- 13 And in terms of the -- to the extent that defendant's
- 14 proposal has something about how much the inventors can be
- deposed, I would accept that.
- And, basically, the 28 hours in English, or 48 hours in
- 17 German, and the way deposition time is calculated in the third
- paragraph, I would accept that, but I don't think it's -- I
- don't think it's a good decision, on my part, to specify how
- 20 much is third-party inventors and how much is Google up front.
- 21 You know, my experience is -- my experience is, and at
- least my belief is that defendant's are worried about the abuse
- of 30(b)(6) depositions, and my general belief is that
- plaintiff's don't actually abuse on the 30(b)(6) depositions,
- 25 because time is valuable, and, so, they tend to use decent

- 1 judgment in terms of how much they do of that.
- So, Mr. Farnan, when you resubmit this, do you
- 3 understand what I've said?
- 4 MR. B. FARNAN: Yes, your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: All right.
- 6 In terms of --
- 7 MR. PARTRIDGE: Your -- your Honor, this is Scott
- 8 Partridge, may -- may I express one concern?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes.
- MR. PARTRIDGE: My -- my concern would be if they
- devoted virtually all hours to one of the inventors, I run the
- 12 risk that I have one individual who could sit for nearly 28
- hours for his deposition the way that it's written now. That's
- 14 -- that is what I was worried about, that instead of balancing
- 15 the hours more reasonably amongst the inventors, that if they
- decide to have one inventor sit for three or four days, I think
- that would be asking too much of one individual.
- It's been a long time since, I think in Federal cases,
- 19 parties have been allowed to keep a witness for a deposition for
- three or four days, and I'd like to avoid that.
- 21 THE COURT: All right.
- Well, thank you for bringing that up, because even
- 23 though I had read this in advance, maybe that point has slipped
- 24 by me.
- 25 Mr. Carrano, what you have to say about that?

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1 MR. CARRANO: Yes, we don't anticipate three or four
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- 2 days. If you want to limit it to no more than two days for any
- 3 inventor, that's fine.
- 4 THE COURT: Actually, why don't we limit it to no more
- 5 than ten hours in English.
- 6 MR. PARTRIDGE: In English.
- 7 THE COURT: All right?
- 8 MR. PARTRIDGE: That's fine, your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: All right.
- 10 So, let's go on to next one, which is Paragraph 4A, and
- 11 there's a little dispute about what happens in the initial
- discovery in patent litigation.
- 13 Leaving aside for the fact that this was written for a
- 14 multi-patent case, and we're now in a single-patent case, I
- 15 would like to go with the defendant's proposal where there's a
- preliminary assertion of the claims that are allegedly
- infringed.
- 18 All right?
- MR. PARTRIDGE: That's fine, your Honor.
- THE COURT: In Paragraph 4B, I would, again, would like
- 21 to go with the defendant's proposal, which I understand there,
- you know, the provision says that they'll produce core technical
- documents sufficient to show the structure and operation.
- 24 And I take it the dispute is, defendant is worried that
- 25 plaintiff's proposal means produce all documents, and

- defendant's are trying to say, no, we don't have to at this
- 2 stage produce all documents, we just have to produce enough
- 3 documents.
- And with that understanding, what the dispute is, I
- 5 agree with the defendant.
- 6 MR. PARTRIDGE: Your Honor -- your Honor, this is Scott
- 7 Partridge, if I may?
- 8 THE COURT: You may.
- 9 MR. PARTRIDGE: We had tracked exactly the language in
- 10 the default order, and we agree that we don't want all
- 11 documents, and did not every read the default order as requiring
- 12 all documents.
- The issue here was, for example language, as opposed
- 14 to, but not limited to which is in the default order, and we are
- 15 -- our concern was whether, for example, language will result in
- 16 a disclosure of documents that is more general and -- and
- focuses on one of the categories that are listed in the default
- order, as opposed to taking into account the but not limited to
- 19 language that's contained in the default order.
- THE COURT: All right.
- 21 So, what do you think the actual practical differences
- between the two pieces of language is?
- I mean I --
- MR. PARTRIDGE: My concern is that when you say, for
- example, that we get operation manuals, and not any source code

- 1 when the source code may be necessary in order to evaluate the
- 2 way the Google system operates for purposes of preparing
- 3 appropriate infringement contentions. And maybe we are all
- 4 talking about the same thing here, and have in mind that what --
- 5 whatever the productions is that needs to be in sufficient
- 6 detail that we can understand the operation of the Google
- 7 systems that will be accused here.
- 8 And if -- if that's the case, then, perhaps, this is a
- 9 distinction without a difference.
- 10 THE COURT: Well, I think it more or less is, because I
- 11 do think it's sufficient to show the structure and operation of
- the accused products methods or systems is the key language
- here, not the but not limited to or for example.
- 14 So I think, actually -- so I do think this is a
- distinction without a difference.
- Mr. Carrano, do you have anything to say?
- MR. CARRANO: No, I think it's been explained fairly
- 18 well. I mean our -- our concern was -- we -- we understand that
- it's got to be sufficient. We're just -- we're still early on
- 20 looking into what we can provide in this regard, and we just
- 21 didn't want to create a dispute by having to bind each category
- document that we -- the source code is the most definitive
- thing. We'll probably produce that in this time frame.
- 24 So we just wanted a little bit more latitude as to the
- 25 type of documents as opposed to anything else.

- 1 THE COURT: All right.
- Well, you know, my reading of the language is the for
- 3 example, gives you more discretion as to which kinds of
- 4 documents to produce, but that the discretion should be guided
- 5 by the sufficient to show the structure of operation language,
- 6 so I'm going to go with your language.
- 7 Please don't let me down.
- 8 So, the next thing is Paragraph 5.
- 9 I'm going to delete that paragraph.
- The next thing is Paragraph 10.
- 11 Oh, okay. This was the one where I was actually
- interested in hearing from you. This issue has come up a few
- 13 times before, but why don't I give Mr. Partridge, you a chance
- 14 to speak for a minute, and then I will give Mr. Carrano a
- 15 chance.
- MR. PARTRIDGE: Yes, your Honor.
- 17 My starting point is, the requirement in the default
- rules about proportionality, and that there should be efforts
- 19 made to identify and produce relevant information.
- The question is, whether or not a privilege log that
- 21 requires us to identify analog documents that have been
- 22 exchanged between my law firm and our client from the inception
- of our representation, actually meets the proportionality
- 24 requirement.
- 25 When I turn and I look to the answers provided by

- 1 Google, in this particular case, I asked myself, what issue that
- 2 has been framed by them thus far actually draws into question a
- 3 privilege log of the type that they're seeking her, and I can't
- 4 find an issue that really is called into question.
- 5 But one that they might have argued is drawn into
- 6 question, which is their laches defense. We think is not an
- 7 appropriate defense in a patent case, based on the Supreme
- 8 Court's recent decision in the Raging Bull case in a copyright
- 9 context, which involves a statutory provision very similar to
- 10 the patent's statutory provision, and we have filed a motion
- 11 earlier this week to dismiss the laches defense.
- 12 And the laches defense is the basis for their claim to
- need this kind of a log that I think the motion should be
- decided before we get into that kind of a logging process.
- 15 The other issues that are in their answer that might
- 16 implicate this, Mr. Carrano has already identified inequitable
- 17 conduct, but that relates to a Declaration by one of the
- inventors that pertains to activity from the mid-'90s as opposed
- 19 to anything that our log would reveal.
- 20 And the other defense that they've raised, that one
- 21 might think about in terms of a log is equitable estoppel, but
- 22 equitable estoppel has to do with Google's state of mind rather
- than the state of mind of the plaintiff's here.
- So, rather than logging hundreds of documents for
- 25 representations that began a couple of years ago, where there is

- 1 no point, other than the burden that would be imposed on us, we
- don't think we should have the obligation to log.
- 3 And if down the road, during the course of the case,
- 4 some issue arises where such a log turns out to be relevant to
- 5 something, I think, at that point in time, that we can revisit
- 6 the subject.
- 7 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Partridge, you sort of obliquely
- 8 addressed the one question I noted that I wanted to ask you,
- 9 which is, when did you begin representing the plaintiff's?
- MR. PARTRIDGE: It was more than two years ago, your
- 11 Honor. Actually, I don't have the exact date in front of me,
- but my recollection was that it was early 2012, or late 2011, in
- 13 that time frame.
- 14 And during that period of time, there have been lots of
- 15 e-mails, so we would be in a situation of logging what I think
- 16 are hundreds of e-mails.
- I asked one of my associates to give me a guess
- 18 estimate, and he said, probably four or 500 if you count all the
- 19 e-mails as individual e-mails, as opposed to chains, it would be
- a considerable log.
- 21 THE COURT: And, so, one of the things, you know, the
- 22 language says about considering legal action for patent
- 23 infringement.
- So your -- and, you know, tell me if the answer to any
- 25 question I ask is something that you don't want to waive

- 1 anything by answering the question, but if the patent issued in
- 2 2013, these things that were occurring more than a year before
- 3 the patent issued are for the purposes of considering legal
- 4 action for patent infringement against the defendant?
- 5 MR. PARTRIDGE: Yes, your Honor, and I think what you
- 6 need to appreciate in that regard is that the patent that issued
- 7 last year was a reissue of an earlier patent, which was a
- 8 reissue of yet, again, an earlier original patent.
- 9 So during that entire time period, the -- the subject
- 10 matter of the patent at issue here was the subject matter of
- 11 patents that were in this very same chain, essentially, were
- 12 replaced by the more a recent reissue.
- 13 And I would agree that in connection with the
- 14 prosecution of the last reissue, which my firm did, other than
- my firm handled, that with respect to the prosecution of that
- 16 reissue, we can provide a privilege log that relates to that
- 17 prosecution activity.
- It's a privilege log that would go to the consideration
- of legal action in this matter that goes back to the early 2012
- 20 time period, or maybe even late 2011, that I don't think is
- 21 appropriate, given the issues that have been raised in this
- case.
- THE COURT: All right.
- Thank you, Mr. Partridge.
- Mr. Carrano?

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               MR. CARRANO: Yes, some -- some of this is important as
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      far as they were making --
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               THE COURT: Mr. Carrano, I'm sorry.
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               Unlike Mr. Partridge, you're coming through a bit
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      garbled, and I don't think that's because of the way you're
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      speaking, I think that's, perhaps, are you on a cellphone or
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      speaker phone?
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               MR. CARRANO: Yes, I'm sorry, your Honor.
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               I'm in Korea right now, so I am on a cellphone.
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               THE COURT: Okay, okay. Well, I appreciate the
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      international scope of your practice.
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      slowly, because I think that might help?
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               MR. CARRANO: Thank you.
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               One of our concerns is, what has been discussed, is the
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      prosecution of the ratio, because that is an improper basis for
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      an inequitable conduct claim. That's why we're seeking to have
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      that -- at least that logged.
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- I think we'd be -- our concerns would be met if they -
  I think plaintiff has already offered this -- is to log that

  aspect, the prosecution activity, and then if there's a need to

  seek additional logging for additional issues, we could come

  back to the Court and seek that later in time.
- THE COURT: It sounds like we have an agreement here.

- 1 MR. PARTRIDGE: We do, your Honor. That is acceptable
- 2 to the plaintiff.
- 3 THE COURT: All right.
- Well, then I think that's admirable that we've worked
- 5 this out without me having to decide anything, and I think it's
- 6 pretty sensible with what you all have agreed to.
- 7 Is there anything else, in terms of the Scheduling
- 8 Order, that we need to address?
- 9 MR. PARTRIDGE: Your Honor -- Your Honor, this is Scott
- 10 Partridge.
- 11 The one thing I wanted to give you a heads-up about is
- that the Scheduling Order does provide for a date when we submit
- 13 a Protective Order.
- 14 And the parties actually have been working on a
- 15 Protective Order, which originated with our using, as a base
- 16 model, exactly a Protective Order that was in another Google
- 17 case in -- in Delaware.
- 18 We made some modifications to tailor it to this
- 19 particular case, but we've tracked that, and we've had a lot of
- 20 back and forth about it. I do believe that we're going to need
- 21 a discovery hearing with respect to the Protective Order,
- because I don't think we're going to resolve some of source code
- issues that have been raised in the Protective Order.
- 24 And whether your Honor just wants to wait and see the
- 25 process unfold, or whether we can set a date for a discovery

- 1 hearing on the Protective Order, at this juncture in order to
- 2 move this along, I guess we would prefer the latter, but if your
- 3 Honor wants to wait, that's fine with us, too.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, Mr. Carrano, before you say anything,
- one thing, Mr. Partridge is, just because I entered a Protective
- 6 Order that said something in some other Google case, at least in
- 7 terms of me, the chances of that meaning that I actually decided
- 8 the same issues that you're having now, probably unlikely.
- I mean, as you know, most of the Protective Orders are
- 10 mutually agreed either one hundred percent or 99-1/2 percent
- 11 between the parties. Any Protective Order I actually entered,
- 12 the chances of it actually reflecting any thought by me are just
- 13 about zero.
- So, just because -- so, at least -- so, just because I
- 15 signed something before that had the provisions that you now
- want, doesn't mean that I would sign it again.
- In any event, Mr. Carrano, what do you think?
- MR. CARRANO: I'm -- I'm still optimistic that we can
- 19 reach an agreement, and we still have pretty much the rest of
- 20 the month to -- to resolve this.
- 21 So we would prefer not to schedule something at this
- point, but, ultimately, we may have to do it.
- MR. PARTRIDGE: That's fine with us, your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: All right.
- 25 Well, I appreciate the heads-up, and I do think it's

- 1 hard to say -- I mean, realistically, we prefer to schedule
- 2 discovery disputes when the parties tell us that they are at an
- 3 impasse, not so much that they think there might be an impasse
- 4 coming.
- 5 And if -- you know, I'm going to have limited
- 6 availability late in the summer, so I guess the only other thing
- 7 I would say is, try -- try to work out your differences and
- 8 figure out if you are at an impasse relatively quickly, and I
- 9 can -- and I will be around, so that if we need to meet, I will
- 10 be here.
- 11 But then later in the summer, I may not be around for
- 12 awhile, all right?
- MR. PARTRIDGE: Very well, your Honor. Thank you.
- 14 MR. B. FARNAN: Your Honor, this is Brian Farnan.
- 15 Can I ask one question?
- THE COURT: Sure, yes.
- MR. B. FARNAN: Did you set a time for the Claim
- 18 Construction Hearing.
- 19 THE COURT: It's in the -- oh, there's no time in
- 20 the -- let me see.
- Do you know which day of the week that is, Mr. Farnan?
- MR. BLUMENFELD: It looks like a Monday, your Honor --
- this is Jack Blumenfeld -- and -- and we had put in 9:00 a.m.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, 9:00 a.m. is fine, but actually, if
- 25 it is a Monday, I would like to actually change that to be

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      mid-week.
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               Let me just check here.
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               All right.
               Yes, May 11th is a Monday.
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               Can we move that to maybe -- can we move it to May
      12th, and we can do 9:00 a.m.?
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: That's fine, your Honor.
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               MR. CARRANO: That's fine for Google.
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               THE COURT: All right. Okay.
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               Anything else?
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: Thank you for your time. I really
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      appreciate it.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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               Well, thank you. Thank you for your -- you've been
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      very helpful in this conversation today. You know, I don't
      really like doing things on the telephone. This worked out
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      better than I would have expected.
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               In any event, I will look forward to getting from Mr.
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      Farnan an agreed-upon order in light of what we said here today.
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               And, as I said, if you reach an impasse on the
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      Protective Order, try to do it sooner rather than later, and I
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      will get you in and resolve the impasse, okay?
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               Otherwise, have a nice weekend.
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               MR. PARTRIDGE: Thank you, your Honor.
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MR. CARRANO: Thank you, your Honor.

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